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Satius regnes avidum domando
Spiritum, quam ſi Lybiam remotis
Gadibus jungas, & uterque Pœnus
Serviat uni. HOR.

SIR,

AVARICE, or an inordinate Deſire of Riches, hath been look'd upon by the wiſe, the polite, and generous Part of Mankind, in all Ages, as the meaneſt and moſt ſordid Vice that the Mind can be devoted to; and the more the Man of Fortune is in Subjection to it, ſo much the more obnoxious and odious is he to human Society, and the Reproaches thereof. When Men labour under the Straits of Neceſſity, under the importunate Clamours of Creditors, under the melancholly Reflections of Families unprovided for, they have ſomething to alleviate the Crime, ſomething to urge in their Excuſe; and, in ſuch Circumſtances, Avarice ought to be ſo far from being imputed to them as a Crime, that it ought to fall under the Praiſe of what the *Romans* called *Frugality*, which *Tully* ranges among the moſt excellent Virtues. But when Gentlemen, who are poſſeſſed of all that is conducive to Eaſe, Pleaſure, and Happineſs; when ſuch as can involve themſelves in their Riches, ſuch as can roll about the City and Country in their gilded Cars, ſuch as have it in their Power to purchaſe every flattering Toy that ſtrikes the Fancy, every dazling Object that charms; when ſuch, I ſay, continue reſtleſs and uneaſy in their Station, amidſt the choiceſt Bleſſings that Providence can beſtow upon them, and endeavour to make the World ſo too; what muſt we think of them, Mr. *D'Anvers?* I aſſure you, Sir, ſincerely I aſſure you, if you yourſelf did not profeſs them to be great, wiſe, and able Men, I ſhould be induced to think they ought to be put under the Care of Mad-Doctors, Tutors and Teachers, the one to adminiſter ſome ſtrong and proper Phyſick for the raging Frenzy, the others to inſtruct them in the Precepts of Wiſdom and Philoſophy, for the Good of their Bodies here, and the Salvation of their Souls hereafter. But you are a generous Soul, Mr. *D'Anvers*; you deny the Imputation of Avarice; you deteſt the Shame; you are a Slave to no ſuch Vice, nor Envy, nor the Thriſt of Power and Greatneſs; you want no Man's Place; you covet no Man's Riches. Would ever any Body act ſo unpolitically as to own any of theſe Things? But have not their Actions fixed the Odium upon them, which is the only Criterion by which we can judge of Men and their Principles: But it is a pure Love and Zeal, ſay you, for your Country, a tender Regard and Concern for the Publick Good, which inſpires you in the glorious Oppoſition to the Miniſtry. But how does this appear? Why is it not diſplayed in your Actions? Why don't you ſhew that you are a Lover of Peace, upon which the Intereſt and Glory of your Country depend? But are the Miniſtry going to plunder and deſtroy your Country? Is publick Good ſwallowed up in private Intereſt? Is your Liberty attacked? Is your Fortune invaded? A Man, whoſe Senſes are aſleep indeed, would believe all this, and ten times more, when he reads how mercifully you uſe the Miniſtry, taking ſuch Liberty as no Man ever durſt under any Government upon Earth; and yet, poor Gentleman, you have none at all! Methinks, Sir, you are wonderfully ſharp-ſighted, and every Body elſe exceeding blind, that you can diſcover the Loſs of this, and its Bleſſings to Poſterity, which all others find they enjoy, and are at preſent aſſured they ſhall enjoy in its utmoſt Extent. But your Spirit of Oppoſition to the Government proceeds not from the Love of worldly Pomp and Grandure, nor Avarice, nor Envy, nor Prejudice, nor any other ſervile Motive, but from the pure and honeſt Zeal which you have for the Peace and Welfare of your Country. Very modeſt indeed! What Pity it is that nobody happens to think ſo but yourſelf! For as no Labourer will bear the Heat of the Sun, and the Toil of the Day, without receiving the Wages of his Hire; ſo I really can't help thinking, Sir, that you would take the Pains of inventing Dreams and Viſions of Things that never have, nor ever ſhall come to paſs; of putting your Brains to the Rack every Day to fill up your Paper at the Week's End, with ſtrange and idle Alluſions to the Malverſation, the notorious Breach of Truſt of *S—n*, and other great Perſons, who were the powerful Minions of Princes, a Sort of prime Miniſters, unleſs you found your honeſt Studies rewarded with ſome Intereſt and Advantage, and was not in Expectation of ſome vaſt Preferment. Alas! the Love of our Country alone, dear and valuable as it is, ſeldom meets with ſuch generous and diſintereſted Patrons, ſeldom operates ſo ſtrong upon the nobleſt Minds, as to engage them in ſuch laudable Endeavours. Every View, every Deſign that Man proſecutes, is fixed upon ſome worldly Pleaſure and Advantage, in which it entirely centers, otherwiſe there would be nothing to inſpire our Thoughts, nothing to excite our Studies. This is an undeniable Truth, which, in the tedious Revolution of ten Years Study, the ingenious Mr. *D'Anvers* hath not had the good Grace to take Notice of; the Reaſon of which is very plain, becauſe he hath not copied Nature, hath not followed the Dictates of Truth and Reaſon, but hath been entirely led away by her Paſſions of Reſentment, Spleen and Anger. Believe me, Sir, whoever writes againſt the Miniſtry, muſt covet ſomething; and he that covets, muſt neceſſarily envy; and he that envies, muſt alſo be blinded with Prejudice; and when none of theſe Vices can be gratified, when that cannot be attained which they crave after, Men commonly relapſe into Deſpair, Rage, Fury, Madneſs, and Revenge. The Man of Figure and Diſtinction, that glitters in his Robes, that dazles with the blazing Star upon his Breaſt, would take it as the higheſt Reflection upon his Honour and Dignity, ſhould any one preſume to tell him, that a low and homely Perſon, one that he thinks too mean to wait upon him, unworthy to be looked upon, one that he ſcorns and deſpiſes, carries a greater, a more ſublime and generous Soul about him than himſelf; becauſe he covets nothing that any Man hath obtained and poſſeſſes, but makes himſelf eaſy and content in his indigent Condition, eats the Bread of Carefulneſs with Joy, ſlacks his Thirſt at the Spring, and thinks himſelf bleſſed; yet nothing is more common, nothing more true than this Obſervation. * And *Juvenal* for their Comfort tells ſuch, that Poverty hath nothing to be complained of, but the being expoſed to the Contempt, Ridicule and Inſult of Man; a vicious Mode of Breeding, which is too common and prevailing in this proud, vain, extravagant and ignorant Age; but to the Glory and Honour of the Courtiers, reigns moſt among the Anticourtiers. The craving Appetites of Nature may be ſtiffled and ſmoother'd for a Time; Man's Aims may be veiled and ſhrowded under the gaudy Ornaments of Amazement; but when the Fate of Diſappointment overtakes them, all the Labour and Pains which they have taken to diſguiſe them, to deceive the World, and impoſe upon the Judgment of Mankind, only ſerves to render the Hypocrite the more conſpicuous, odious and contemptible. The Rays of Truth, when they begin to ſhine upon ſuch gloomy and perfidious Bodies, dart into them with ſuch Velocity and Violence, that they no ſooner ſtrike but they reveal the Darkneſs, and lay open the Diſguiſe which overſhaded them and reſiſted their Sight. Whence the Vizard is immediately thrown aſide, and the Man appears in his true Colours, looks with greedy and devouring Eyes upon all whom Fortune hath raiſed and exalted above him, and inceſſantly labours to diſtreſs them.

AND ſuch being the Practice of our great Patriot Mr. *D'Anvers*, I cannot help thinking, but that the moſt inſtructive Lecture might be drawn from the Fate of his Writings, which ever was read for the Benefit of human Society; that of learning People to be content in the Deſtiny of Heaven; not to endeavour to circumvent any Man in his Place, to ſeek no Man's Ruin, to covet no Man's Poſſeſſion, envy no Man's Preferment, nor prejudice any Man in his Intereſt; but to make Truth, Virtue, and Honeſty the Guide of all their Actions.

I am SIR,

Your humble Servant,

WILL. HINT.

* *Nil habet infelix paupertas durius in ſe,*
Quam quod ridiculos homines facit. Satyr 3.

To the DAILY GAZETTEER.

SIR,

I Have herewith incloſed a Letter from the late Dr *Bettenſon*, a famous Phyſician at *Bath*, to a Rev. Clergyman in *Wiltſhire*, wherein is contained a new and ſucceſsful Method of managing the Small Pox; which if you pleaſe to publiſh in your Daily Paper, may perhaps ſave the Lives of Thouſands of the King's Subjects, who ſuffer, I doubt, much in the ordinary Practice. I leave it with you to act as you pleaſe with it, and am,

Your humble Servant,

J. P.

N. B. The Letter was writ in anſwer to one the Doctor had received from the Clergyman, wherein having before been adviſed by the Doctor to Wine, &c. he acquainted the Doctor how the general Practice ran againſt it, on a Preſumption that it increaſed the Fever, which was look'd upon as Mortal. To which the Doctor replied as follows:

SIR,

'I Doubt the Fears of your Apothecary and Women will do harm in this Caſe: I adviſe, as before, the Sack Whay, half Sack, half Milk. In great Weakneſs of the Spirits, Wine alone of the Sort that is moſt agreeable. By my Order ſome have drank one, or two, or three Quarts in 24 Hours, which made a great Noiſe. In the Year that Arch Deacon *H*——*t* came hither, he told the People, he had drank Wine againſt the Rules of an eminent Phyſician, otherwiſe he was ſure he had died: And my Patients being all ſaved by my Method of Wine, as their common Drink, brought the People into a better Opinion of it: And the ſeeing People dying on each Side in Caſes more favourable than that of my Patients, made them think, that tho' the Way was new, yet 'twas the better. If the Fever is not kept up, the Patient muſt go down*. For a ſtrong Blood will carry the Matter to the Skin, and extreme Parts: A weak Blood will lapſe down upon the Head or Breaſt, whence comes an Apoplexy, or Aſthma, both equally dangerous and killing. I never loſt any one, that was regular in my Method. At Lord *P*——*r*'s, two Years ſince, I ſecured nine People by the ſame; when they drank Wine plentifully, the Diſorders you mention in the Head, Throat, with Spitting, &c. went all off to the Surprize of my Lord. The chief Servants ſeeing it ſucceed ſo well, ſaid, they wonder'd what other Doctors had been thinking of, when this alone anſwer'd the moſt difficult and dangerous Complaints: The bleeding and purging have had ill Succeſs in *London*, and bleeding and purging about the 10th or 11th Day have loſt the Lives of many. Giving the Blood more Life and Strength, is the only rational Way to ſecure People, as I told you before. There is a Deadneſs in the Blood in great Numbers of People, that Wine will not raiſe but in great Quantities: This Deadneſs is common in the Plague too, and requires Brandy, which ſecures People in this Diſtemper beyond other Things: But this Method muſt be accommodated to the Perſon, and 'tis few in either Caſe that find it diſagreable.

'I thought to write the more, to give you the Reaſon of the Thing, that in a great many People, has been clear, in Experience.

'The Biſhop of *B.* and *W*'s Grandſon, with his Skin all blue with black Spots, was ſecured by the Method above-mentioned: If the Patient be thirſty, let her † drink Beer or what ſhe likes, to allay her Thirſt: Perhaps the Apothecary, and Women will not come into the Notion; but ſome Women of this Town have ſucceeded with it, when the Country Doctors have given up the Cauſe. I think I have almoſt tired you, and myſelf.'

I am, SIR,

Your moſt humble Servant,

Bath, Feb. 7, 1721-2.

Richard Bettenſon.

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* *According to the Doctor, the Fever ſinking, the Pox alſo ſink with it, and then he gave Wine in Quantities.*

† *Note, the Patient was a Woman.*

P. S. In

P. S. *In great want of Sleep*, &c. Laudanum may be given 8 or 10 Drops or more, as it operates, and twice a Day upon Occaſion; but the Evening is the better Time, unleſs the Diſquiet is great in the Day and the Night too, then 'tis neceſſary Morning and Evening.

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Note, This Method has been tried with vaſt Succeſs in *Wiltſhire*, and in the Neighbourhood of *Malmſbury*, from the Direction of this Letter.

LONDON.

Yeſterday a French Mail arrived, with Advice that the Marſhal de Noailles has wrote Word from Italy to his Lady, that he propoſed to be at Paris about 10 Days hence; that the French Governor of Philipsburg is preparing to evacuate that Place forthwith, having already ſent away ſeveral Pieces of Cannon: And that by the Advice of M. Chauvelin, the Intendant of the Generality of Amiens, the King has erected a Serge Manufacture in the City of Mondidier in Picardy, fit for the Cloathing of his Majeſty's Troops and other publick Service.

Yeſterday both Houſes of Parliament met at Weſtminſter, purſuant to their laſt Prorogation, and were further prorogued to Thurſday the 14th of October next.

Laſt Night a Committee of Council was held at the Cockpit, Whitehall, on Affairs relating to Guernſey and Jerſey.

On Thurſday next (being the firſt Thurſday in Auguſt) the Silver Arrow will be ſhot for at Harrow on the Hill, by Eight of the Senior Scholars belonging to that School, according to Cuſtom.

Yeſterday Mrs. Mary James, who keeps a Publick Houſe at Kentiſh Town, in the Pariſh of St. Pancraſs in the County of Middleſex, was convicted by Col. De Veil of having refuſed to Quarter Serjeant Thomas Garth, of the Hon. Col. Lowther's Company, in his Majeſty's Second Regiment of Foot Guards, and paid 5 l. the Penalty inflicted by Act of Parliament, for the Uſe of the Poor of that Pariſh.

The Oratory Subjects on Sunday next in the Morning, will be on Texts ſaying the Scriptures are hidden and not, Gentiles called and not; God the Avenger, and not; the People flying and not, 339 Years to Samuel and not: ---- the firſt Account of Heaven, its laſt Place, Number of Heavens, what moves them, Number of Stars, and when firſt figured, as now, on the Globe; —— any Gentleman may engage a private Inſtitute of true, occult, and interdicted Knowledge and Theology, and any Perſon who can prove his Religion, ſhall be rewarded: — In the Evening, an Oration on the Conflicts of the Times, Chriſt's weeping over Jeruſalem, the Tumult at Arbel, and the Fate of Cities; ---- and a publick Diſputation, 'Whether Error be innocent?' Generoſus Opponent; ---- and whether the preſent Diſturbances ſhew the Approach of Chriſt's Kingdom: Textuarius Opponent: ----- at the Deſire of ſeveral Gentlemen, the Gentleman's proper Univerſity is carried on each Morning, &c. in the Muſæum, in private Inſtitutes, like thoſe of Profeſſors.

Yeſterday Bank Stock was 149 1-half to 3-4ths. India 171 1-half. South Sea 99. Old Annuity 113 7-8ths. New ditto 110 3-4ths. Three per Cent. 103 1-4th. Emperor's Loan 116. Royal-Aſſurance 109. London-Aſſurance 14 3-4ths. African 16. India Bonds 7 l. 2 s. Premium. Three per Cent. ditto 5 l. 15 s. Premium. South-Sea Bonds 5 l. 17 s. Prem. New Bank Circulation 7 l. 12 s. 6 d. Prem. Salt Tallies 3 to 6 Prem. Engliſh Copper 21. 6 s. Welſh ditto, no Price. Three 1-half per Cent. Exchequer Orders 106 1-half per Cent. Premium. Million Bank 115

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